





61 Sledding

King Zog, with mass 160 kg, and Queen Geraldine, with mass 80 kg, sled down an icy hill. They start from rest at the same point above the bottom of the hill. Ignore friction and air resistance. Which of the following is true regarding their speeds at the bottom of the hill? Explain your answer.

(i) Same speeds.

ii) Geraldine's speed is twice that of Zog.

iii) Geraldine's speed is four times that of Zog.

iv) Zog's speed is larger than Geraldine's speed.

Spring bumper

PE=KE

Mgh= ½ MV² V= 2gh

V= 2gh

Velocity is indepent

Of mass, therefore

Same Speeds.

62 Spring bumper

Two walruses (named X and Y), with the same masses, slide along horizontal sheets of ice. Each collides with a horizontal spring mounted to a wall; the springs are identical. Prior to hitting the spring, walrus X moved with speed twice that of walrus Y. The springs compress, bringing each walrus to a stop. Which of the following is true regarding the distances by which the springs compress? Explain your answer.

- i) Springs compress by the same distance.
- ii) X compresses spring by twice as much Y.
- iii) X compresses spring by four times as much Y.
- iv) X compresses spring by half as much Y.
- v) X compresses spring by a quarter of what Y compresses.